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150. (New) The method according to claim 148, wherein the solvent for extraction is a mixture of ethanol and water in a volume ratio of 60 or less parts by volume of ethanol to 40 or more parts by volume of water.

151. (New) The method according to claim 138, wherein the sugar cane-derived extract is administered in a form of food, which comprises the sugar cane-derived extract.

152. (New) The method according to claim 151, wherein the food is an animal feed.

REMARKS

Claims 61-121 have been cancelled. New claims 122-152 have been added in order to place this application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. A speedy Office Action on merit is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment, however, if any fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 50-0462 or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-0462.

Respectfully submitted,

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